

G.C. TO PUT CUP CASH IN NEW HOME

George Cross will spend all their Australia Cup winnings on their new home ground at Selwyn Park, Sunshine.

Committee hears Kovac case

Mr. P. J. O'Connor's Disciplinary Committee last night heard the case of the suspended State League club president, Mr. A. Kovac.

The club official was suspended by the Victorian Soccer Federation executive last week following alleged incidents at Olympic Park after the J.U.S.T. v George Cross Australia Cup semi-final.

Bottle charge — case adjourned

Mr. P. J. O'Connor adjourned the hearing of a State League player who allegedly hit a referee with a bottle in the bar after a recent match at Olympic Park.

The Disciplinary Committee will continue the hearing when they receive a letter from the State League club concerned.

Union meets next week

The Players' Union will hold its annual meeting in Olympia Room, No 2 Oval, Olympic Park, next Wednesday night at 8.

Fred Hutchison, president of the Players' Association, last night issued an open invitation to all

players to attend the meeting.

Copies of the constitution and agenda have been sent to all members and intending members.

Fred said that professional and amateur players, juniors and non-players would be represented in the union.

He said that after the constitution had been presented and office-bearers elected, the meeting would be thrown open to general business.

● NEXT WEEK: The Ollie Norris Story — and picture of Croatia celebrations.

NORM FLIES HIGH TO SAVE A GOAL

● George Cross goalkeeper, Norm Hobson, leaps high to clear the ball in the closing minutes of the Australia Cup final against Apia on Sunday. George Cross had already scored the winning goal, and Apia were battling desperately to equalise. Hobson's 'tight' keeping in the second half kept a strongly attacking Apia out and saved the day for George Cross. Other George Cross players in the picture are Bob Adams and Archie Campbell (right). Apia player is Peter Falconer. See full page of pictures, Page 3.



Apia try again to sign up 'Splinter' Campbell

Sydney club Apia have made another approach to Archie "Splinter" Campbell — hero of George Cross' Australia Cup win last Sunday.

But it is almost certain Campbell will stay in Melbourne, although the terms of the offer are believed to be "very tempting."

After Sunday's game Apia offered Archie a singing-on fee approaching four figures. This would be on top of a fee paid to George Cross.

And a George Cross official said last night: "You can bet that would be substantial."

Asked how much, he said: "Well, Apia paid £1650 for Stan Ackersley from Slavia,

and Campbell gave Ackersley a bath on Sunday.

"Work it out yourself."

Campbell, at 24, has years of Soccer ahead of him. He has already represented Victoria many times.

Campbell recently built a new home in Mooroolbark and has ties — and friends are in Melbourne.

He returned to work on Monday after four weeks out of work because of the GMH strike. He is a toolmaker at Fishermen's Bend plant.

Archie's winning goal on Sunday capped a fine all-day performance by the slightly-built right winger. He was a danger in attack, particularly in the first half.

Ironically, Campbell could have been playing for Apia on Sunday, if he had accepted Apia's offer early in the season.

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Ref. has his say

Former referee Desmond Longden does not agree with the Federation's statement in last week's Soccer News that he couldn't identify the player who attacked him.

"In the first instance the person was punished," he said.

"In the second instance I

couldn't identify the player concerned because he attacked me from the rear. It happened in front of officials and players, but none of them were prepared to identify the person who attacked me," he said.

Mr Longden said he had given up refereeing in Victoria because he found that

the disciplinary committee were not dealing severely enough with players who misbehaved.

"One player whom I sent off for deliberately kicking another player was let off by the committee. He told the committee he was provoked into it," added Mr Longden.

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It was a great win, they said

Here is what officials thought of the Australia Cup final on Sunday . . .

JIM BAYUTTI, Australian official: Organisation excellent, thanks to Mike Weinstein. Pace of game slow compared with Tokyo Olympics.

GEORGE PEDLAR, referee: Good first half — Apia better class team. George Cross won on spirit and determination.

NINO BORSARI, Italian personality: Expected Apia to play better. Disappointed — have seen much better club games. Lucky win for George Cross.

LOU de BONO, George Cross president: First half was George Cross — second half Apia. Our side had more scoring chances in a close result which I thought fair.

JOHN BARCLAY, Victorian official: Hard, typical cup-tie. Apia better team on day. But George Cross showed that the will-to-win-spirit is more important than pretty Soccer in Cup Final.

VIC JANCZYK, Polonia captain: George Cross lucky in the second half, which was dominated by Apia. All credit to George Cross defence, where Sacco was outstanding.

JOCK PARKER, Federation Trustee: Apia superior team, but lost control in second half by taking the man instead of the ball. George Cross lucky, but deserved win by their never-let-up spirit.

Soccer fanatics from all over the world are driving the Australian Soccer Federation secretary Bob Clark crazy.

They are writing to him asking for an Australian Soccer badge.

Mr Clark has received so many requests from places ranging from Russia to Mexico that he has had to order 250 of them to be made in order to keep up with the demand.

"We are sending out more than 50 badges a month because we regard them as being a good advertisement for Australia," said Mr Clark.

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The cost of each badge is about five shillings. The design is a most attractive one, and features a green map of Australia, on which a golden kangaroo and a Soccer ball are imposed.

Countries from which Mr Clark has received requests for badges in the last couple of months include Turkey, Czechoslovakia, Southern Rhodesia, Switzerland, Holland, England, Russia, Peru, and Brazil.

Another request came from a Professor in Education at the University of Kiev in Russia, who said he was a supporter of the Moscow Dynamo club.

Here is a typical request for a badge.

A rubber stamp at the bottom said it was from Gottfried Balzi, Eichweg 29, 3872 Ostermundigen, Switzerland.

It read: "As keen collector of metal badges of Football clubs and Associations, I would be very grateful if you are kind enough to send me your badge and an address book of all the best Football clubs in Australia."

"Thank you very much."

Apia star Karl Jaros made a dash to Fremantle after the Australia Cup final to catch a liner bound for Naples.

He is returning to Europe for a holiday on which he will spend Christmas with his parents in Austria. Jaros had been due to leave Sydney on the previous Tuesday, but offered to stay for the final if the club would fly him to Fremantle to rejoin the boat.

He wanted to stay because he knew that it could be worth about £200 to him.

This was made up of the £60 which each Apia player received for winning the replay against Budapest-St. George and a bonus of more than £100 which was promised to the players if they took out the final.

Jaros plans to go skiing at some of the more fashionable resorts in Austria.

He said before he left that he will be back in Australia in plenty of time for next season.

But whether he will be playing with Apia is another question.

— MARTIN ASTON

Manny won Cup for the Cross

George Cross players and officials were full of praise for their stop-gap coach, Manny Poulakakes, after the game.

"You can say Manny won the game for us," goalkeeper Norm Hobson.

"It was Manny who trained us to a peak where we were able to come back fighting in extra time, and it was Manny who inspired us with a few quiet words at the 90 minute mark."

This was just another success in the successful coaching career of Manny Poulakakes, who has had a hand in Hellas, Alexander and George Cross in his few years in Melbourne.

He took over with George Cross for the Australia Cup, after Steve Mokone had gone back to Canada.

And he is almost certain to stay with them next year, providing he and the club can agree on terms.

"We are one happy family here," he said. "It's a good club to coach."

And Manny is not afraid to speak his piece when things are not going so well — and players respect him for it.

"Manny really gave us a blast at half-time," one George Cross player said.

"He made us feel that small," he said, holding his thumb and first finger about an inch apart.

The team came out for the second half determined to improve on their good first-half performance, but early injuries to Eddie Sacco and Don Hodgson set

them back.

They lost control of the midfield, and only sound defence by McPherson, McDavid, Brown, Sacco and Hobson, kept Apia from scoring.

But Manny didn't give up.

At 90 minutes he swung Campbell into the centre and brought the injured Hodgson out to the wing. And he whispered the all-important words of encouragement to the players.

"Get your confidence

back," he urged them. Play as you really can play."

From then on it was all George Cross. Manny's words sunk in and the team lifted play. Players forgot about tiredness — their one ambition was to score that vital goal.

And score it they did, through the remarkable little winger Archie Campbell.

● Jim Cook's minute-by-minute description of the final — see Page 6.

Archie saw the light and fired

"I just saw daylight, and I fired when the time was right. . . .

That's how pint-sized Archie Campbell described scoring the goal that won George Cross the Australia Cup.

Campbell had received a pass from McPherson. He carried it forward as Botalic closed in and Iglesias left his goal to intercept.

Archie held the ball right until the last moment, then whipped it through the narrow gap and watched it roll 30 yards to the net.

"That was the best goal I have ever scored," a jubilant Archie Campbell said after the match. "It was a £2500 goal," he laughed.

Archie said that the month he had off from work during the GHM strike he had spent chopping down trees in his backyard.

"It kept me fit and built up my muscles," he said.

"What muscles," chipped in his team-mate and close pal, Hugh McDavid.

It took Archie 15 minutes to get off the ground after the game. Excited George Cross fans chaired him and captain Don Hodgson around the cinders running track, holding up the presentation of the trophy. Don and Archie lost their shirts in the crush — the shirts were last seen boarding a tram tucked under

one supporter's arms.

There were fantastic scenes in the dressing-room as jubilant players and supporters celebrated. Everyone drank a toast out of the big Australia Cup.

Over-enthusiastic Maltese fans who jeered outside Apia's dressing room got a bucket of water for their trouble.

Eddie Azzopardi and Tommy McPherson received linesmen's medals in mistake for Cup winner's medals. Half the team received medals meant for Apia — but it was all sorted out at the reception after the game.

Hot tip for the George Cross best and fairest: Don Hodgson, who polled 13 points in voting for the Argus Medal.

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SIR STANLEY SAYS IT WAS SMOOTH JOB

Sir Stanley Rous has written to Bob Clark, Australian Soccer Federation Secretary, thanking him for the smooth organisation of the recent Referees' Course held in Melbourne.

Croatia (Victoria) will play Croatia (South Australia) in Adelaide on Saturday, November 21. A return match will be played in Melbourne on November 28.

Slavia have signed new

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Scottish inside forward, Grant McGregor, who comes from Celtic. He is 22 and arrived in Melbourne this week with his wife. Grant is 5 ft. 10 ins. tall, strongly built, and a typical footballer.

Centre half, Cazuzana, won Libertas' best and fairest award for season 1964. He received his award at the annual dance at Marriana Hall, Sunshine.

Tokyo report from Mr Max Garrett, of Sydney, to Soccer News this week, on a post card reads: "There was some splendid Soccer but what's far more important, our splendid delegation has won great esteem for Australia with the Soccer leaders of the world."

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● Miss Victoria and Miss Croatia Soccer Club, Mary Vrbanic, kicks off the Australia Cup final.



● Officials and fans cheer as George Cross captain, Don Hodgson, is presented with the Australia Cup after their great win over Apia. There were wild scenes of excitement after the match.

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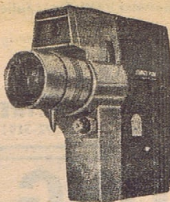
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Results of last weekend's overseas games are published today on page 7 — it's another Soccer News exclusive.



● Apia inside right, Peter Falconer, takes the ball away from McDaid.

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"Brighton had a winger — a centre-forward's dream. Name — Alex Barr."

"My greatest thrill was to play for Australia — I scored two goals."

"I was never cautioned and never received a penny for playing Soccer."

"A wicked-looking fish-hook was once put into my boots to stop me playing."

Frank McIver story

The coal-miner who rose to be one of our great players

Frank was in Yallourn when he was selected in the Victorian team to play India, and Victoria surprised the critics with a 4-2 win, of which Frank got two.

"My greatest pleasure, however, was to be when, for the Fifth Test, I was selected to lead the attack for Australia, again on the Melbourne Cricket Ground, and in a 3-1 victory scored two."

The war years took Frank into essential services in Melbourne, where the game was almost curtailed through lack of clubs.

"I was still with Hakoah, who, like Moreland, were so depleted they agreed to

form a combined club. In 1943 they won the league and in 1945 the Dockerty Cup.

"AFTER the war I had a season with Brighton, and goals came easy. Brighton had a newcomer on the left wing — a centre forward's dream. His name was Alex Barr."

"He first played at Moreland, but with local star left winger Jimmy Fairweather playing at his top, Alex was not happy in another position, and went to Brighton to prove beyond doubt he was the best Victoria had."

Once again Frank went back to the country, and although he intended to stop playing he joined the Yallourn club and played for the first season of its entry into the Metropolitan league in 1949.

"I coached Yallourn's Under-19 team, also in the Metro league, winning the league and Junior Cup — the first country junior team to achieve this."

"The influx of migrants, however, who were ready-made players, prevented these potential young players from getting into the senior team, and they were lost to Australian Rules."

Frank returned to the city and was elected to the State selection committee, but again circumstances forced him back to the La Trobe Valley before the 1951 season ended.

Living in Morwell, where the newly formed L.V. Association had been formed, he joined the Morwell club, and was pressurised into playing once again.

The club won the triple trophies, also the lightning premiership. In his last game he ended his playing career as he had started — with a hat-trick. "I was 48 years old."

Having had a successful and most happy time playing the game, Frank resolved to try to put something back into it.

He was secretary of the L.V. Association for six years, but, owing to other commitments, had to give it up and be content with other duties of administration. He is now president and publicity officer of the L.V. Federation.

DURING the whole of Frank's playing career — and it was characteristic of him to go in where angels fear to tread — he never missed one game through injury.

Nor was he ever cautioned by a referee, and, con-

trary to many beliefs, Frank says he was never paid one penny for his Soccer.

"I was promised once by a top Hakoah official that if the club won the coveted double he would pay my fare to England. The double was won that season, but the promise was forgotten, and I worked my passage home to England and back as a stoker."

"I WILL make mention for the first time of one attempt to stop me from playing in one important game. It failed, but only because I never failed to examine my gear."

"It could be that the perpetrator of a vicious action such as this has feelings, and should he read this he will, I am sure, feel guilty when he remembers putting into one of my boots that wicked-looking fish hook which no doubt would have prevented me from playing had I not examined the inside of my boots."

"I must admit it gave me a jolt when I felt the prick, and on withdrawing my hand saw the fish hook in my finger. Fortunately, the barb did not get into the flesh so, pulling it out and making doubly certain my boots were OK, I said nothing except to a personal

friend as I handed him the fish hook and said: 'Keep this for a souvenir—someone planted it in one of my boots.'

"I would be fooling only myself if I said the incident didn't worry me during the game. It did, but my team won, and I heard later that there had been some waging on the result."

"It could have had some bearing on the attempt to stop me that day."

"To all players I would strongly advise to make it a practice never to neglect to examine their gear, particularly their boots before putting them on."

FRANK mentions a few of the stars of the '30's whom he played with and against.

"Hakoah's keeper Aglero was the tops and as agile as a cat. The greatest defence was D. Weir and J. Beats, of the Caledonians, and 'keeper Morgan."

"The highlights of that period, which will always be remembered by the old-time followers of the game, were the clashes between Hakoah and the Caledonians."

"Footscray Thistle had a formidable defence in Smith and Macauley. Wing halves Andy Maine (Cale-

donia) and Tommy Morrison (Footscray Thistle) could not be bettered."

"South Yarra, in my humble opinion, had Victoria's best centre half in Peter McCluskey, one of the game's gentlemen. He gave no quarter and asked for none but played the game scrupulously fair and clean."

"There were many others in the '30's who would, in the same conditions, outshine most of the present day stars."

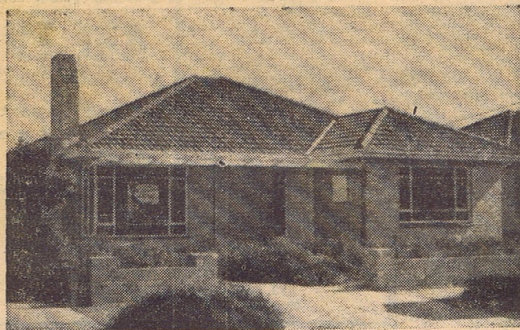
"I would finally pass on the utterances of many old followers who have talked to me: Why can't the Soccer powers that be let today's followers and players see and hear about the champions of the game who, in the early years, brought about the prestige and strength it holds today in Victoria?"

"AUSTRALIAN Rules do not let their followers forget the game's past champions, and the powers show their appreciation with an annual dinner for the past and present champions."

"It would be a nice gesture of appreciation if the Soccer powers put on an annual dinner for its stars, past and present."

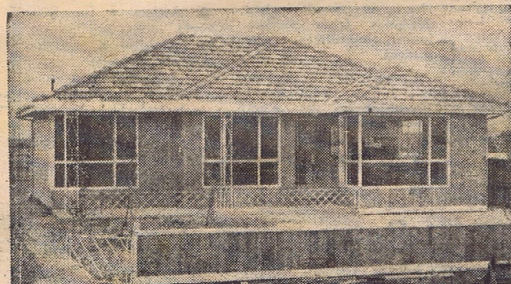
"To those who have represented Australia an international dinner would be something to make the young players strive to get to, and something to make the Australian Rules players and administrators envious of."

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SIR,—I feel I must write about the dismal write-ups we are getting in the "Age."

Mr. Barr should come out from behind the glass enclosure at the Park and see ALL the game and listen to the spectators, because they are the core of any performance.

We all know that we are trying to interest the "Aussie" in Soccer, and we know also that the only thing which will win support for the game is to produce a

team which will beat visitors. Well, we are on the way to producing that team, and the Slavia team is the closest to that goal at the present time.

The team which was fielded against the favorites J.U.S.T. in the Dockerty Cup Final was magnificent, and a real credit to the person or persons who worked them up to that pitch.

Also, if the Federation was half awake they would fashion a team on

Slavia's pattern, and I say without any fear whatsoever that if the present Slavia team was given six months together with solid training and polished up a bit with nothing else to worry about, they would come the closest to beating any visitors who came to this country — each individual of this team is a treat to watch.

Hats to Slavia.

— G. ROBINSON,
13 Rattray Road, Montmorency.

SIR,—I read in Soccer News a letter from Mr. P. Gatt of Reservoir, and can't stop laughing about the Maltese National team 2-1 and 4-2. How could it happen if the Italian team never even passed near Malta. The only time I remember was a student team last year beat the National Maltese team 3-0 in Malta in a friendly match.

— N. R., Northcote.

"We came up from the coal pits, black with dust, and played Soccer."

"I learned to and head a ball to a six foot string."

THE Frank McIver story began in a north of England coalmining village where people are commonly known as "gordies" and the natural instinct was to play Soccer.

Frank McIver was born there a little over 60 years ago.

He was a self-made footballer, and began his schooldays when there were no organised school teams.

Frank played in the yard, kicking anything that was available — old tennis balls, rubber balls, paper rolled up and tied with string, tins and stones.

He attributed his abilities to use his two feet and head to a simple method he had developed — simple, but very effective.

It was a tennis ball attached to six feet of string. His two miles journey to school was spent timing, trapping and volleying the ball on the string. By lifting his hand he was able to kick it high and head the returning ball from any angle.

"I have often recommended this to young players here in Victoria, but they did not have what it takes — patience — and they soon forgot the ball and tring idea," he said.

FRANK left school at 13, put the ball and string aside and started his second phase of the game.

Down a coalmine at 14, he soon became a man.

His Soccer as a teenager was on a playing field between the houses of the streets, with a big brick wall on either side and coats set apart on the ground for goals at either end. They played, hail, snow, rain or shine.

In this confined space one had to be alert, think quick and move fast to be in the game. One thing Frank learned was to keep his eyes on the ball, his opponents and the goal.

It was this training which accounted for many of the goals he was destined to score.

FRANK's official playing days started through a joking reply by one of his mates, who admitted later he was just pulling his leg.

When an official of another district club asked if there was a good centre forward among the back alley players, a friend said: "Yes, Frank McIver here."

"I felt embarrassed and backed away — I had not even played a game in competitive Soccer."

"The official, however, was nice, and I finally offered to sign the form that started me on a happy and successful Soccer period as a centre forward."

The club was Seaton Delaval Presbyterians, playing in the Blyth and District Church League. So, in 1921-22, at 17, his first playing season, the records show that Frank was leading goalscorer.

THE following season the club won the league, and Frank's tally of goals doubled. In one period of five games he scored 27.

"The season's total I never knew, but I would have liked to have a look at the records. My highest score in one game was nine."

During the next season the club was forced to disband, so Frank was to play with a local team, and his scoring ability again enabled him to be the leader for yet another season. He was selected to play for the League against the Ashington League.

"I had to push my bicycle 15 miles to get to the ground. After the game I pedalled my way home with the satisfying consolation that, although we lost 2-1, I scored ours."

"When playing at home we thought nothing of coming out of the pit back with coal dust, going straight to the ground and playing a game."

"It was a happy life and, when on one occasion I was approached to go to play for a major club, Blyth Spartans, I refused."

"When the word got out I was called all kinds of a fool, but it never worried me. I much preferred to play with my mates and be happy."

FATE stepped in by way of a 26-week general strike all over England and changed the course of Frank's life.

"Like many others, I migrated to Australia, arriving in Victoria in January, 1927."

"The most treasured possession I had was my football boots, but it was like taking a bottle to the desert for water, for, to my disappointment, Soccer was unknown in the Mallee, where I was sent to work on a farm."

"I did, however, get introduced to Australian Rules, and played for two seasons. In 1929 an item in the paper by the Preston Soccer Club resulted in my going there, and the start of my happy and successful Soccer period in Australia."

Frank started with the Preston club a stranger, paying his own expenses, including the loss of a day's pay, and travelled from Bendigo each Saturday.

"I shall always remember my first game, with the reserves. There was no dressing sheds, and we, stripped behind a Hawthorn edge at Haxby Park in Bell St. I scored three goals, and from then on I played with

the first team, and soon living at Preston.

THE records of the Victorian Amateur Soccer Association show the reason for the publicity Frank received at a time when he was to see the results were considered something.

The Herald interviewed Frank, and a photo appeared in the Sun and Herald with a report of his goalscoring records.

In 1931 his continued success earned him a place in every representative game.

For the "Rest" against the Champions, Calicians, he got three in a victory. Other games North v South, England Scotland and the Metropolitans.

"Finally, I received greatest honor any amateur could wish for — to represent the country he loved."

"I was selected to Java with the Australian team."

"On my return I was approached by the Hawthorn club to play with them, but I was reluctant to leave my club, and left the selection to them. They accepted without any hesitation to accept Hakoah's offer."

From 1932 to 1935 Hakoah built up a formidable team, winning the First Division in 1934, the league and its first Dockerty in 1935.

IN that season Hakoah came the first Victorian club to travel interstate to play the South Australian champions, the Kings, winning 7-2, of which Frank got four.

In this season Frank's goalscoring was according to reporters, "remarkable." Half-way through 1935 season Frank's was 30. At the end of the year he was over 60, and in one game against Melbourne he scored 10.

"Nimrod", of the Herald, reported the following: "Hakoah established a record in First Division Soccer when it overhauled Melbourne Thistle at Olympic Park 17-1."

"Centre forward McIver got 10 goals, five in half. The first five in a row, and he did hat-trick with the score five also."

With this report Frank's photo.

"My goalscoring success was mainly due to the mates around me, Frank. 'Players like me, Orr, our coach, a hard of dribble, and I yet to see his equal; with dwarf Tommy McClure whose crosses were a forward's dream; and one and only Alex Forster — not partial to using head or his right foot, he more than made up this with his devastating and terrific bursts of speed."

"Half backs Tommy Morrison, A. Roth and J. Man — it was just a matter of being in position."

FRANK believes the best day centre forward by being out of position lessens his team's chances of scoring which, by virtue of his position, it is to do.

In 1936 Frank went home to England, but returned to finish the season with Hakoah.

In 1938 the club's league winners, and again was on top with goals.

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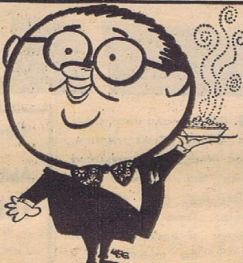
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TROTTER'S BRIGHT — LADIES' DELIGHT

Barassi! You're way off beam!

So we're "locked in mortal combat" with Aussie Rules, are we? This is what Melbourne footy captain Ron Barassi said in Hobart last week. What a lot of eyewash! If Mr Barassi only knew. Soccer versus Rules in Melbourne is no more than a mosquito fighting an elephant. Footy has such a big advantage over our game. It has the full backing of the parochial Melbourne Press, the parrot-like commercial radio and the one-eyed Victorians. International football is only a pipe-dream to most Melbourne sportsmen, and for Barassi to talk of Rules going international is laughable. Aussie Rules has as much chance of being international as a lame grasshopper has of surviving in a chicken run! Barassi says about £25,000 should be spent in Victorian schools "to counter the menace of Soccer." Who ever heard of a sport being a menace in a country. Communism perhaps, but not a sport.



IT TOUCH
with FRED VILLIERS

Mr. Barassi, you've way off beam, you're so far out of touch it wouldn't matter. Anyway, with a name like yours you'd be more suited in a Soccer line-up than one with one of those ghastly zoological names. And if you were as good as you are at footy, you may get overseas and realise why 126 countries prefer to kick a Soccer ball to that egg-shaped thing!

Not all State League Clubs are prosperous. Oh No! Last week one of our junior committees received a cheque for £12. It came from one of our top clubs. They took it into the bank — and just like a Soccer ball, it bounced!

Some of our Soccer committees could take a leaf out of the South of the Yarra committee book. They've really kicked on. And the way the chairman conducts his meetings is an education — even for our senior body.

State League boys must surely give the National League another thought after Sunday's Australia Cup final crowd. When did we last see so many fans at the Park for a league match? . . . August, 1962?

MINUTE-BY-MINUTE OF THE CUP FINAL

Here is Jim Cook's minute-by-minute description of the Australia Cup Final:

4 MINS.: George Cross took the lead. Following a chip by Copeland, the ball bounced in Apia goal, with Campbell running in. Ackerley, hard pressed, deflected past his own 'keeper. Goal! Ackerley (own goal).

8 MINS.: Apia came close. Falconer hit a terrific drive from 25 yards, which just went over. A great try.

15 MINS.: Bad blunder, with slow pass back, by McDaid to Hobson, gave Apia a corner.

16 MINS.: Apia equalised when Falconer trundled a low shot from 12 yards. Hobson never moved, thinking the ball was going past. George Cross defence was caught flatfooted. Scorer: Falconer.

21 MINS.: The pace had slackened considerably, with both sides tiring. Brown at right half for George Cross was the shining light in a hesitant defence.

25 MINS.: Apia lucky when Copeland put a cross over. Galdie, with a great header, made hisias dive flat out to save. Referee Dabinson was allowing blatant obstruction by both sides to go past un-noticed.

29 MINS.: George Cross were still doing the bulk of the attacking. But Apia in their feverish raids, looked more dangerous in front of goal. Both Watkiss and Jaros looked dangerous on the ball.

34 MINS.: Hodgson shot narrowly past from a pass by Campbell.

36 MINS.: Following a bout of interpassing by Galdie and Peterson, Copeland put George Cross back in the lead with an angular right foot, which deflected off Bottalica into the net. Scorer: Copeland.

39 MINS.: George Cross were lucky. Hobson, out of goal, luckily saved the situation when he saved a good drive by Falconer.

42 MINS.: McDaid headed clear a dangerous goal mouth lab by Jaros.

44 MINS.: Adams foolishly conceded a corner instead of putting ball out of play. Wong placed a perfect corner and Jaros rose like a bird to head past Hobson. Hobson also appeared at fault, not cutting ball out. Scorer: Jaros.

HALF TIME: George Cross 2, Apia 2.

47 MINS.: Apia restarted in sprightly fashion. Wong pushed over a George Cross but no forward was to catch on.

58 MINS.: Watkiss surprised Hobson with snap shot from 25 yards.

61 MINS.: Hobson brought off good save from Falconer shot from 10 yards.

70 MINS.: It's now "back to the wall" for George Cross, with Apia pressure very strong. Wong had a try when on the ground, but it was off target.

73 MINS.: Falconer missed a sitter, when he balloned over from about 7 yards out.

75 MINS.: Indirect free inside 18 yard line brought no reward to Apia.

86 MINS.: Ackerley handled four yards out from 18 yard line after shot by Campbell. But nothing

came of the free-kick. George Cross made fighting come-back in last few minutes.

Results after 90 mins.: George Cross 2, Apia 2.

EXTRA TIME: Iglesias put on his track suit in the extra time.

4 MINS.: Free kick by Campbell on edge of Apia's 18 yard line brought panic to the Sydney defence. It was cleared with difficulty.

5 MINS.: Watkiss came close with good drive.

8 MINS.: Copeland teed up a chance for Peterson, but the Dutchman made a sorry mess of it, getting all tangled with his feet.

14 MINS.: Wong forced corner. HALF TIME (extra time): George Cross 2, Apia 2.

19 MINS.: With a hard drive from close range, Falconer forced a corner.

22 MINS.: Following a free kick, McPherson put a slick pass to Campbell. The right winger on the left side of the field, ran through, and with a deft left foot touch placed the ball in the net. Scorer: Campbell.

28 MINS.: Van Blerk came up to try a shot which went over.

FINAL RESULT (after extra time): George Cross 3, Apia 2.

SUMMING-UP: George Cross, after tiring badly in the 90 minute regulation period, came back with a bang in the extra time. And, of course, they got the all-important goal through Campbell.

First half was even, but the Sydney side dominated the bulk of the second half. But their finishing work was not on a par with their approach work.

It was a good well contested final and, with a little luck George Cross made it.

For George Cross, Hobson, who was the far busier 'keeper, played well. Sacca starred at full back. Brown was the pick of the half-line, while in attack, the extreme wingers, Campbell and Copeland, were outstanding.

For Apia Iglesias was safe. Murue was the best man offside, while of the attack none did better than Wong, Jaros and Falconer had their moments.

SCORERS: George Cross: Ackerley (own goal), Copeland, Campbell, Apia: Falconer, Jaros.

Juniors act on school Soccer

The Junior Soccer Federation will investigate the position of Soccer in Victorian schools.

This was decided at a conference at Soccer House on Sunday when delegates from various junior committees were present.

It was recommended that the Junior Management Committee ask the School sub-committee to investigate:

- A referees' school for schoolboys.
- A Technical and High

Schools combined cup competition.

- Assistance for State schools, and
- Provision of coaches and interstate visits.

Mr O'Brien said there was two problems as far as technical schools were concerned.

The game must be extended for better players, and there should be more referees, he said.

Beware of Croatia

Johnny Troskot, Croatia president, issued a warning to State League clubs on Saturday night.

"We mean business in the State League next year. If we continue like we did this season and we retain our large number of supporters, our club will be celebrating the State League championship at the end of the season," he said.

Croatia held a presentation Ball at Yarraville, to celebrate their victory in winning the 1964 first division championship.

About 300 attended. Guest of honor was Miss Vrbancic. Miss Mary Vrbancic, who presented the cups to the players.

Oliver Norris, coach, said it had been a pleasure to be with Croatia for the past season. The club had a great team who showed a lot of fight to win the championship.

THEY'LL CELEBRATE END OF SEASON

By STEPHEN KALUS
A big celebration is planned by South of the Yarra committee for the last match of the season at Middle Park on November 22.

The final game of the Ziemel Memorial Cup will be played on Saturday at Elwood Park, at 2.45 p.m., between the Under-18 teams Dandenong and Melbourne. At 1 p.m., a curtain raiser will be played between the Under-18 teams Wilhelmina and George Cross.

This is the last championship game to decide the winner of the 1964 competition.

Both teams got an equal number of points with George Cross heading the goal average, which does not count in the junior pennant competition.

At a conference between the management and three junior sub-committees, last Sunday at Soccer House, Soccer News and the Sporting Globe were praised by delegates for the publicity the juniors enjoyed in those papers this season.

It was decided to appoint a publicity officer for all sub-committees and technical schools for next season.

Mr Albert Merrills, a well-known junior Soccer official, has joined the South of the Yarra Junior Federation.

The general meeting of that Federation will be held on December 7 at Hakoah Club rooms.

JUNIORS

The Latrobe Valley Junior Soccer Federation invited three representative teams of the South of the Yarra to play at Moe on November 10.

This will be the first time that the representative teams of these two Federations will meet.

The three representative SYJSF squads are:

Under-12: Manager/Coach Mr M. Cambray.

Under-14: Manager, J. Bochai. Coach, F. Streiberger.

Under-16: Manager, A. Watson. Coach, J. Varju.

Players have to travel by bus which leaves the following assembly points: YMCA Building (St. Kilda Rd.), 7.55 a.m. Corner of Warrigall and Dandenong Rds., 8.20 a.m. Corner of Springvale and Dandenong Rds., 8.40 a.m. Dandenong Post Office, 9 a.m.

Under-12: Savus, Barbieri, Monty, Hine, Forbes, Agardy, Luyten, Clayton, Vanderlark, Vella, Pougho, L. Michailoff, Pougho II, Conin, Cambray.

Under-14: Birtig, Duncan, Wallace, Targuino, Hill, P. van Opstal, G. Gualoz, Hona, Jurdewicz, Boesky, Jansen, Bacon, Conti, Kenoyos, Gaudi.

Under-16: De Haan, Commons, Atkinson, Bartch, Dobzynsky, Watson, Kurta, McKinley, Maile, Hona, Garamszegi, Vizi, Palm.

Next Saturday the SYJSF Under-12 squad train at the Wilhelmina Junior Ground (Ringwood). Players report to team manager at 2 p.m.

SYJSF Under-16 v Dandenong Under-18, 9.3 at Elwood.

SYJSF coaching course on Nov. 16 will be held at Middle Park, Hakoah Club, 7.30 p.m.

Topic: Positional playing (orthodox method).

Nominations are invited for this year's Mezzos Medal.

This award, which is for service to Junior Soccer, is available to the player who in the opinion of the Junior Management Committee has done most for the sport in 1964.

Clubs and affiliated organisations are invited to submit nominations in writing to Secretary, Don Joiner, C/o Soccer House, by Saturday, Nov. 14.

'We're in the dark'

The future of junior Soccer in Victoria — like the senior game — appears a little sticky.

One committee, the South of the Yarra, are not too happy with some of the decisions made by the Junior Management Committee.

At their meeting last week officials claimed that their representative on the management committee had not been informed of meetings.

Decisions were made which were vital to junior Soccer that they did not know about.

Members also were concerned about the lack of promotion for juniors through curtain raisers at Olympic Park.

They claim that the VSP should play curtain raisers at headquarters to encourage youngsters.

They also were not happy that when juniors did get an opportunity to play at the Park often the junior body only received about 48 hours notice of the match, which was not sufficient to prepare the boys.

It was reported by chairman Kurt Defris that the junior coaching course for 25 was a great success. All members were keen and the instructors were doing a first-class job.

An after-season Soccer Ball will be held in the Olympia Room, No 2 oval Olympic Park, on Friday, November 27, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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POLONIA WERE DISAPPOINTING

By JIM COOK

Despite impressive records in both defence and attack, Polonia had a disappointing season.

Finishing in sixth position in the league dashed their hopes of participation in the Australia Cup.

And in the Dockerty Cup they fell to S.M.-Hellas in the quarter finals.

Quite a contrast from 1963 when they were only pipped for all three honors — The league, the Australia Cup and the Dockerty Cup.

But, of course, Polonia did come out on top in the Ampol night Soccer competition and over the years they have won every top honor including the league Dockerty Cup, State League Cup and Harry Armstrong Cup.

Their players have captured more awards than those of any other club.

Bob Wemyss shared the Argus Medal in 1956, Vic Janczyk won the same award outright in 1960. Janczyk, Jurcecki and Sklarek have

all won the Sporting Globe award while Sklarek also won the Gilbey's Cup in 1962.

Still, despite their shortcomings this season they have continued to try to play their attractive on-the-carpet Soccer.

And their fall from grace has in my book been due to the fact they have more than a few players in the veteran stage who have lost some sharpness and pace.

FEATURE

One feature shows up in their favor for 1965. They have vacated the Maribyrnong Speedway which was never kind to their ball playing techniques.

Of this season's side, Putkowski, Janczyk and Dudon were the only consistent performers.

Here is a pen picture of the other players:—

GOALKEEPER

Putkowski: Represented Victoria on several occasions in 1963 and played well, especially in the late stages.

FULL BACKS

Gasior: A long serving player who runs his own radio and television repair business.

Wrczos: In his second season with the club. Not spectacular but effective.

Sygaloski: Another old hand who was originally a left winger.

HALF-BACKS

Janczyk: Captain-coach of the Victorian State squad. A real architect at wing half.

Gross: Often criticised at centre half but has held the pivot's position since the departure of Maruszkiewicz.

Dudon: As an inside forward or wing half, he has been one of Polonia's most consistent players.

Szczepanski: Has played in many positions.

FORWARDS

Kowalec: In his second season, this player has plenty of potential but was out of form for quite a spell.

Jankowski: One of the best technical players ever seen in Australian league Soccer. But age has told its tale with loss of pace.

Jurcecki: The glamor player of Polonia until this season when he slumped badly through loss of form. But he has the

ability and courage to come back on top.

Zientara: Has an impressive international record for Poland. A wing half or inside forward, he has scored many fine goals.

Mroczkowski: A product of the juniors who showed much promise two years ago, but in 1964 he was under a cloud.

Katolik: Secured from Polonia in South Australia, this clever little player has never fitted in with the Melbourne side.

FINE PLAYERS

By their arrangement with the Polish Olympic Committee, Polonia have brought many fine players to Melbourne. Some have stayed put, others for personal and domestic reasons have returned to their homeland.

And this trend is likely to continue in bringing out seasoned players. But I have a notion that youngsters like Marmour, Oliniski and Plaskota will get extended runs in the side in 1965.

And with a more generous measure of youth in their side, I expect Polonia to again challenge for top honors next year.

SLAVIA'S £30,000 GROUND PLANS

Slavia have plans to spend between £30,000 and £40,000 developing their Murphy Reserve, Port Melbourne, ground.

They met the Port Melbourne Council last week and were asked to submit three alternative schemes. These were that the ground would be developed:

- By the council alone.
- By Slavia alone.
- By a joint venture.

Slavia is almost certain to suggest a joint venture.

The club wants to build a club-house, a grandstand, erect training lights and build up an embankment on one side of the ground.

Team manager John Oliphant said last night he hoped money could be raised by 500 regular supporters paying £10 each to become full social members of the club.

The club delegation, of three members, pointed out to the council Slavia's successes in the past two years — the Australia Cup last year, and the Dockerty Cup this year.

They said they believed the club had a big future in Port Melbourne.

Slavia are just entering the second five-year term of a 10-year lease of their ground.

GET TO KNOW YOUR CLUBS

NEWCASTLE UNITED (ENGLAND)

Formed in 1893 as the result of amalgamation between the East End and the West End, one of England's greatest post-war clubs is now languishing in the Second Division.

League champions of the First Division on four occasions they have won the FA Cup five times. One of the biggest supported clubs in Britain, their ground record of 68,386 was made in 1930 when the crowd turned up to see that great Scottish centre forward, Hughie Gallacher, made his debut for Newcastle against his former club, Chelsea.

Other great players who have worn the club colors, are: Sam Weaver, the world-famous "throw in" expert, and the great Len Shackleton.

HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN (SCOTLAND)

Well remembered for their tour of Australia in 1959 they were formed in the year 1878. In 1890 they were responsible for the introduction of the penalty kick.

It came like this. During a cup-tie one of their full backs fisted out a likely scoring shot. The riot that followed convinced the Scottish Football Association that a free-kick was insufficient for such an offence.

At the outbreak of the first World War the entire team joined up and served in the forces. Five times Scottish Cup winners the Hearts have also won the league four times.

PRESTON NORTH END (ENGLAND)

Originally a cricket club, Preston hold a great record in English Soccer.

In season 1888-89 they won the FA Cup without a goal being scored against them and the league without losing a match.

This past season's defeated FA Cup finalists at Wembley, they have won this coveted trophy only twice, the last time being in 1938, when Match scored in extra time with a penalty.

Famous players include Tom Finney, who was capped 76 times for England, Alex James and the present Chelsea manager, Tommy Docherty.

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Kowalec (P) 1710, Micie (J.U.S.T.) 454, McPherson (GC) 337, Elliott (MH) 182, Dudon (P) 158, Stoffels (W) 112, Watson (L) 111, Cook (S) 100, Grosdanow (M) 94, Adam (SM-H) 91, Campbell (CC) 72, Jankowski (P) 56, McLachlan (L) 53, Malloy (MH) 52, Suli (MH) 42, Jurcecki (P) 39, Kallergos (SM-H) 38, Marita (L) 37, Kambouropoulos (SM-H) 33, Margaritis (SM-H) 32, Plaskota (P) 30, Mladenovic (J.U.S.T.) 29, Weinberg (M) 29, Kise (J.U.S.T.) 26, Nicol (L) 25, Hobson (GC) 24, Melvor (H) 23, Goldie (GC) 21, Azzopardi (GC) 20, Gow (T) 19, Van der Poel (J.U.S.T.) 19, Shepherd (S) 16, Piki (J.U.S.T.) 15, Janczyk (P) 15, Gregal (MH) 12, Cernie (T) 12, Grosz (L) 12, Zientara (P) 10, Sanchez (S) 8, Steel (W) 8, Plaskota (P) 8, Mroczkowski (P) 8, Voigt (L) 7, Scott (MH) 5, Abeila (GC) 4, Tarasew (SM-H) 4, Mandalis (SM-H) 4, Shemolchey (L) 3, Surma (MH) 3, Auchie (S) 2, de Bruykere (L) 3, Keenan (H) 2, Rasic (J.U.S.T.) 2, Majona (MH) 2, Schwarz (L) 2, Reeves (L) 2, Hoovis (L) 2, Grego (J.U.S.T.) 2, Tsitos (SM-H) 2, Ieremiades (SM-H) 1, Mantarakis (SM-H) 1, Rowley (H) 1, Keinhovth (L) 1, Latto (H) 1, Schumaker (L) 1.

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BARASSI ROASTS AUSSIE RULES

Melbourne Football Club captain Ron Barassi on Friday condemned the administrators of Australian Rules for their shortsighted and parochial attitude, and said the game could be in danger of extinction.

He told a meeting of sales executives in Hobart that the game was "locked in mortal combat" with Soccer — and at the same time faced a need to develop itself into an international game.

To counter the menace of Soccer, about £25,000 should be spent in Victorian schools on development of the code, he said. "If only £10,000 had been spent 15 years ago, I am confident Soccer wouldn't have had a toe in," he said.

He said plans to develop League headquarters at Waverley were premature. The money should be

devoted to improving facilities and providing covered seats at suburban grounds. Barassi said he thought Australian football had an enviable opportunity to get into America.

"This gridiron is a terrible spectator sport. The education authorities are looking for something as thrilling but less dangerous. I think our game could quite easily move in there," he said.

He said the League should either send two or three coaches to the U.S. full-time, or send three teams on an annual exhibition tour of six weeks.

WANT A COACH?

Franz Wimmer, former Croatia coach, is looking for a coaching job for season 1965. Franz, who lives at Lot 6, Bridge St, Eltham, also has coached State League teams J.U.S.T. and Slavia. His phone number is 42-7100.

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